

Montana Immunization Program Newsletter

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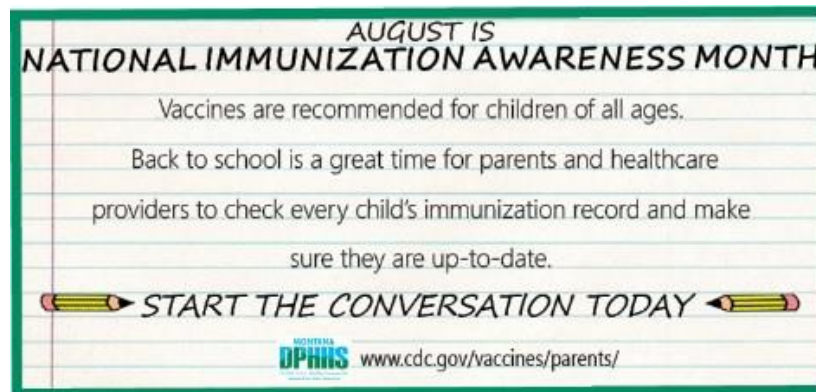
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National Immunization Awareness Month



National Immunization Awareness Month is an annual observance to highlight the importance of vaccinations for people of all ages. Each week has messages focused on different age groups to raise awareness and educate the public about vaccinations. For more information about National Immunization Awareness Month click [HERE](#).

The Immunization Program sponsored an educational message on Pandora, the online streaming application, to target parents about the importance of adolescent immunizations. Additionally, a Facebook message is posted on the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services page. Click [HERE](#) to read, like and share this post!

Vaccine Information Statements for 2016-2017 Influenza Season

This is a reminder that the influenza VISs (Vaccine Information Statements) will remain the same for the 2016-2017 flu season. Health care providers do not need to wait for new publications of influenza VISs as they have in previous years. Current VISs can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/index.html>.

The content in the existing influenza VISs was designed to remain valid for multiple years. Even with changes to the 2016-2017 influenza recommendations (for example, regarding egg allergy or LAIV use), the current VISs are still accurate.

Vaccines In Practice

The administration and scheduling of pneumococcal vaccines can get confusing when children get behind or when they have underlying medical conditions. Two resources/job-aids are linked below to help determine what vaccines are recommended and at what intervals.

Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine Catch-Up Guidance Job Aid

CDC has developed a "job-aid" with detailed scenarios by age group and previous doses of vaccine received for pneumococcal conjugate vaccine. This aid should assist health care providers in interpreting Figure 2, the Childhood/Adolescent Immunization catch-up schedule: [Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine \(PCV\) Catch-Up Guidance for Children 4 Months through 18 Years of Age\[3 pages\]\(http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/job-aids/pneumococcal.pdf\)](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/job-aids/pneumococcal.pdf)

IAC Resource

IAC has created a table that explains how to use PCV13 to catch up children who have fallen behind on their PCV7 doses. It is available at www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2016.pdf.



Clinic Spotlight

SIGN UP FOR REMINDERS:

GARDASIL is a series of 3 doses. Remember to get them all.



Schedules change, and time flies. But when you sign up for the 3 to Complete Reminder Program, we'll help you stay on track by reminding you to get you or your child's next dose of GARDASIL. We'll email or mail you reminders to make the 2nd and 3rd appointments.

3 to Complete Reminder Program

Children's Clinic has started using text reminders to help increase their HPV rates! Patients sign up while they are at the office so staff can either enter their information for the parents or help them enter it into the Gardasil 3 dose series reminder system. They are not required to enter any demographic information (not even their name), so it takes 30 seconds or less to enroll. Parents or staff send a text to 69866 saying G9 when they get their first dose. They will immediately get a confirmation return text. Then they receive reminder texts at 1 month, 2 months, 4.5 months, 6 months and 8 months after opt-in. The reminders will say something like "call to schedule your next appointment" or "you should have scheduled your next appointment by now". Service will continue until they cancel or receive all of the reminders. If they want to cancel they can text STOP to the same number (69866).

Children's Clinic says by having parents sign-up when they are in the office, they can't forget to do it when they get home or if they have trouble, you are there to help them in the office. Also, this reminder program does not work if they have already received any doses of the vaccine, because it is based on time from the opt-in date which is at dose #1.

For more information and information for your clinic to get started, visit <https://www.gardasil.com/why-3-doses/dosage-reminders-gardasil/>.

If you would like to work on an adolescent remind/recall project, please contact Katie Grady-Selby at 444-1613 or kgrady@mt.gov. More information to come in the future months.



VFC Corner

Monthly VFC Hot Topics Webinars

When: Every other month, last Tuesday and Thursday of the month.

[Updated Hot Topics Schedule](#)

[Archived Presentations](#)

Month	Topic
August	Borrowing Boot Camp- Watch your email in August for more information.

Reminders

Revised CDC Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit

The CDC *Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit* is a comprehensive resource on best practices drawn from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), vaccine manufacturers, and scientific studies. This document was recently revised to make information easier and quicker to find. You can find it online at the link below:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/storage/toolkit/index.html>

Just a reminder that the *Toolkit* contains best practices and recommendations. The requirements of the Montana VFC Program are outlined in our [VFC Provider Handbook](#).

CDC Adjusts Guidance on the Fahrenheit Temperature Range for Refrigerated Vaccine Storage

The CDC now recommends a Fahrenheit temperature range for storing refrigerated vaccines of 36–46°F. The previous guidance was 35–46°F. There is no change in the Celsius recommendation of 2 –8°C.

Recalibrated data loggers sent out after August 1st will be pre-set with the new alarm thresholds of 35°F and 47°F (one degree outside the acceptable storage range). If you have already received your recalibrated data loggers or are still using your old loggers, please reset your refrigerator alarm thresholds to 35°F and 47°F on your next download.

Our [VFC Provider Handbook](#), [Data Logger Instruction Manual](#), and [paper](#)

[temperature logs](#) have been revised to include the new temperature range.

New Recommendation for Storing Backup Data Loggers

The Montana Immunization Program now recommends storing your backup data logger in the refrigerator. There is no need to set the data logger up or remove it from the box. Just put the whole box in the refrigerator. There are two reasons for this new recommendation 1) It pre-chills the probe so it is ready for use right away, and 2) The cool temperature preserves battery life.

Questions? Contact the Montana Immunization Program at 444-5580 or hhsiz@mt.gov.



imMTrax Announcements

Read Only and Read Only w/Consent Trainings

As Back-to-School time approaches, we want to make sure all our Read Only and Read Only w/Consent Users who will be accessing imMTrax for immunization records have the tools they need to move efficiently through imMTrax.

In August and September we will be offering four voluntary opportunities for Read Only and Read Only w/Consent Users to participate in web trainings (via WebEx).

Topics discussed will include:

- Search, View, Print
- Client Reports
- Documenting and Updating Consent Status
- Medical Home Associations

In order to accommodate a number of imMTrax Users throughout Montana, the offering dates and times are spread over four weeks:

Monday, August 15	12:00 – 1:00 pm
Thursday, August 25	3:00 – 4:00 pm
Tuesday, August 30	12:00 – 1:00 pm
Wednesday, September 7	8:00 – 9:00 am

More information will be email to VFC contacts and school users in early August.

If you have questions about any upcoming imMTrax trainings, please contact Michelle at (406) 444-2969 or mfuncness@mt.gov.



2016 Immunization Provider Education Series

Prevention of Influenza in High-Risk Groups: What Are the Vaccine Options and Strategies?

September 9, 2016 from 12:00-1:00pm

Presented by Gregory A. Poland, MD from Mayo Clinic Rochester

Hosted Recording

September 21, 2016 from 12:00-1:00pm

Montana Immunization Staff will be available to answer questions.

Gregory A. Poland, MD, is the director of Mayo Clinic's Vaccine Research Group, Editor-in-Chief for the journal "*Vaccine*" and founding president of the Edward Jenner Vaccine Society.

During his presentation, Dr. Poland will review what the high-risk groups are, why influenza infection is so deadly in these groups, and outline vaccine options and strategies for protecting them from the documented elevated morbidity and mortality of this infection.

Click [HERE](#) for webinar login information and additional details about the webinar series.

This activity has been submitted to Montana Nurses Association for approval to award contact hours. Montana Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Save-the Date

HPV

November 2, 2016 from 12:00-1:00pm

Presented by Erin Stevens, MD from Billings Clinic

Hosted Recording of HPV

November 4, 2016 from 12:00-1:00pm

Montana Immunization Staff will be available to answer questions.

New Partnership w/MMA to Offer Online Nursing Contact Hours!

1.25 nursing contact hours available until June 10, 2017 for "IZs: Building Trust During the Time of Twitter" presented by Wendy Sue Swanson, MD, MBE, FAAP. Visit the [IZ Provider Page](#) for additional information, including instructions to view the webinar.

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Monthly Vaccine-Preventable Disease Report

Table 1. Select Vaccine-Preventable Disease Counts by Jurisdiction of Residence- July 2016 and 2016 Year to Date.

Select Vaccine Preventable Disease Case Counts by Jurisdiction of Residence, 2016	Haemophilus Influenzae, invasive	Neisseria meningitidis, invasive (Mening. disease)	Mumps	Pertussis	Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive	Varicella (Chickenpox)
Jurisdiction						
CASCADE	-	-	-	-	1	1
CUSTER	1	-	-	-	-	-
GARFIELD	-	-	-	-	1	-
LAKE	-	1	-	-	-	-
LEWIS AND CLARK	-	-	-	-	1	-
MISSOULA	-	-	-	1	-	-
ROCKY BOY	-	-	-	-	-	1
SANDERS	-	-	-	-	-	1
SILVER BOW	-	-	-	-	1	-
TOOLE	-	-	-	-	1	-
July 2016	1	1	0	1	5	3
2016 year to date	10	1	21	9	64	49

Data retrieved from DPHHS.

Questions? Contact CDEpi at (406) 444-0273.